

Lunenburg Council on Aging Meeting Minutes *Minutes Approved at the 4/13/2010 COA Meeting*

March 9, 2010

Welcome: Pete Lincoln, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Present: Pete Lincoln (Chairperson), Mary Lynn Conrad (Vice Chairperson), Doreen Noble (Director), Emily Foster, Sandra Flanagan, Joyce Wass, Sis Montuori, Fred Crellin, Jim Hays, and Barbara Brown

Excused: Jane Doyle & Bonnie Edes

Guests: Lloyd Carlson, & Heather Brendel

Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to accept the February 9, 2010 COA meeting minutes as amended. All approved, motion carried.

Director's Report:

Finance/Informational Report: Heather Brendel read a letter from Montachusett Home Care (MHC) regarding the state home care waiting list. Doreen Noble stated that she was on the MHC Crisis Advisory Team and requested that letters from the Council on Aging members, stating their disapproval of managed care and to advocate for more funding for home care, be returned to her by March 17, 2010. These letters will be sent to Senator Jennifer Flannagan and Representative Jen Benson.

She also stated that funding for Meals on Wheels comes under the umbrella of managed care and that there will be a waiting list for that program also.

Due to the large amount of food items that are being taken out of the senior center kitchen without permission, Doreen has put in place a new rule that the kitchen will be locked after the meal site manager has left for the day. There will be a key available at the front desk for people to use who have a need to get into the kitchen.

Two financial pages were distributed to the COA board members to review. (see attached)

The COA budget will see a 7.54% increase in the FY11 budget which will include a new line for sewer use.

Doreen stated that at a budget meeting the Town Manager, Kerry Speidel used the Council on Aging as an example of a town department that is doing a good job as a "public service" department.

Old Business:

Parking Lot Plans: Heather Brendel read an email from Laura Williams, Selectmen's Secretary, stating the parking lot project at the Eagle House has made it to the top of the Capitol Planning list because the Friends of the Eagle House Inc. have made a commitment to contribute money towards the project and the Capitol Planning committee recognizes its viability.

Doreen has been in contact with Shelly Hatch, grant writer from the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) and Civil Engineer David E. Ross. Both parties are onboard for the parking project at the Eagle House. They are applying for a Community Development Block grant.

Tax Work Off: The Lunenburg Property Tax Work Off program is going very well. One participant has been placed at the Eagle House meal site and applications are still being accepted.

Furloughs: Doreen and Sue Doherty have begun the process of voluntary furlough. A discussion ensued amongst the COA board members about furloughs. Pete Lincoln and Mary Lynn Conrad commended Doreen and Sue on offering to voluntarily furlough to help the town's cause.

New Business:

Changes to Nutrition Program: Discussed under Director's report.

Softball Fundraiser: Doreen is organizing a softball fundraiser to benefit the Friends of the Eagle House Inc. The Lunenburg Turkey Hill Family Lions' Club & the Worcester County Sheriffs Department will also be involved.

Volunteer Appreciation: April 18-24 is Volunteer Appreciation week. Doreen is in the process of planning some sort of celebration for the Eagle House volunteers and asked the COA board members if they could contribute by supplying baked goods if needed.

Committee Reports: No committee reports this month.

Correspondence:

A note sent to Doreen from Jeremiah Greene was read informing her that he will be absent from participating in events at the Eagle House due to upcoming surgery.

A flyer from the Highlands was read announcing that they will now be offering Adult Night Health Care.

General Discussion: Doreen informed the board that the Supper Club is going great and that Adam Bergeron, classical pianist will be here to perform on April 5th.

Adjournment: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. All approved, and the motion was carried. The meeting ended at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Susan Doherty, Administrative Assistant